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APPARATUS FOR OPTICAL FIBER GLASS PREFORM

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.121

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This paper is in reply to the Office Action dated August 8, 2003.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Enclosed herein is a Formal Drawing of Figure 1 of the above-identified application, which is amended to include a --Prior Art-- legend.